

## Full NCRAC Body to Meet Sept. 9-11

**Special**  
NEW YORK—Consideration of the problems of political anti-Semitism and the dangers inherent to Jews in post-war economic dislocation will highlight the discussions of the second plenary session of the National Community Relations Advisory Council to be held here Sept. 9-11, at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria, it was announced by David Sher, chairman. The fifty-six representatives of five national and seventeen local community civic protective agencies will also hear reports of five sub-committees—membership, public relations, interfaith, legislation and policies and objectives of the NCRAC.

Another feature of the sessions will be a discussion of the trends in anti-Semitism and a report on recent studies and scientific research in the field.

Attending the sessions will be five representatives from the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the B'nai B'rith, and the Jewish Labor Committee and two representatives of the Jewish War Veterans and each of the seventeen member communities—Baltimore, Boston, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Newark, New Haven, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and St. Louis.

## N. Y. Labor Federation Urges Commonwealth

Delegates to the convention of the New York State Federation of Labor, meeting in Syracuse, N. Y., adopted unanimously a resolution urging "our Government and the Government of Great Britain to bring about the immediate and unequivocal repeal of the entire White Paper policy, replacing it with a new policy which shall pro-

## RESIGNATIONS THREATENED

**By Jewish Telegraphic Agency**  
NEW YORK—There is a good deal of commotion going on in the Zionist Emergency Council, and some of the leading members there are threatening resignation, Boris Smolar, editor-in-chief, of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, declares in his column, "Between You and Me."

## Nab 6 as Extremists Bomb Police Stations

**By BERL CORALNIK**  
**JTA Palestine Correspondent**  
TEL AVIV — At least four policemen were wounded this week during a daring attack of terrorists on two police stations in the Tel Aviv suburbs of Neveh Shaan and Abu Kebir.

An official communique issued by the authorities states that the attack was carried out "by a number of youths." The policemen guarding the stations replied with fire when the terrorists threw bombs which exploded at the stations.

Six suspects have been arrested thus far. One of the Jewish policemen who participated in the exchange of fire with the terrorists was seriously wounded.

## TWO NATIONS NAME OFFICIALS FOR REPATRIATION OF JEWS

**By Jewish Telegraphic Agency**  
LONDON—The Czechoslovakian Government-in-Exile appointed a special official to deal with questions concerning the release of Czechoslovakian Jews arrested by the German occupational authorities, and the return of these Jews

vide for free entry of Jews into Palestine—a policy consistent with the tragic needs of the Jewish people and the magnificent contribution made by the Jewish workers of Palestine to the war effort of the United Nations."

## HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT MEMBERS AT FUNERAL OF RABBI LOEW

**By Jewish Telegraphic Agency**  
ZURICH—Chief Rabbi Dr. Immanuel Loew of Szegedin, former member of the Hungarian Upper House and descendant of Rabbi Loew of Golem fame, has died in Budapest, it is learned here. He was 90 years old.

Members of both houses of the

Hungarian Parliament attended his funeral which took place during the hours when Jews in Budapest are permitted to do their shopping. The authorities mapped out a strict route for the funeral procession and allowed no speeches at the grave.

## SAY 60% OF MUSHULÖCHIM'S COLLECTIONS NEVER REACH HOME

**Special**  
JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—In 1943 collections of mushulochim in the United States totaled more than \$750,000, but only about \$300,000 ever found its way to the Palestine institutions for which the collections were made, an article in the Jacksonville Jewish Community Bulletin says, attributing the estimate to a reliable source.

"Many resort to fund-raising methods disapproved for years by

social work endorsing agencies, such as the payment of commissions to solicitors, the use of the "remit or return" devise, etc. Their records are seldom kept in such a way as to make an audit possible, nor are they subject to any kind of supervision by their principals in Palestine or by any public authority in the United States," the article declares.

## Turn Down Italy Offer; Eye Palestine

**By VICTOR BIENSTOCK**  
**(JTA Correspondent in Italy)**

Rome—A meeting of Jewish refugees in Rome convened this week by the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees to announce the offer of the Italian Government to grant citizenship to stateless persons was converted by the majority of the 150 refugees into a pro-Palestine demonstration and concluded with fervent singing of the Hatikvah.

Speaking in Italian, Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, the representative of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees urged the Jewish refugees to accept the offer of the Italian Government. He pointed out that overseas countries are reluctant to admit immigrants and might continue the same policy even after the war is over.

Many refugees, he continued, are anxious to go to Palestine. But Palestine is "very limited" and could not receive all those who desire to enter it, he added. He illustrated his remark with a handkerchief, declaring that Palestine is not larger than a handkerchief and presents a very special problem.

to their homes and their rehabilitation.

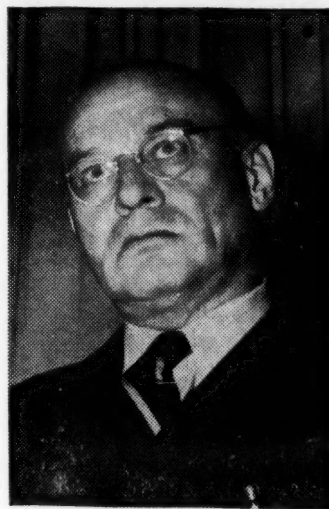
The official, Dr. Isadore Rosenberg, who is a member of the Ministry of Agriculture, was made a member of the Czechoslovakian delegation which will soon leave for Russia and proceed then to liberated Czechoslovakia as soon as the Russian Army enters that country.

**By Jewish Telegraphic Agency**  
NEW YORK—Anticipating an early end of the war, the Luxembourg Government-in-Exile has appointed a committee of ten to arrange the details of repatriation of all refugees, it was announced here this week. Six of the committee are Jews, four of whom are members of the Luxembourg delegation to the World Jewish Congress.

## LIST FAMOUS 200 KILLED

**By Jewish Telegraphic Agency**  
LONDON—A list containing the names of about 200 Jewish leaders and scientists exterminated by the Gestapo in Poland was released here by Thomas Arciszewski, President-designate of Poland, who arrived recently here from Warsaw.

The list was compiled by the underground's Jewish National Committee in occupied Poland under the direction of the Jewish historian, Dr. Emanuel Ringelblum who shortly after completing the compilation was executed by the Gestapo, together with his wife and son, when German agents discovered their hiding place in the non-Jewish section of Warsaw.



CONGRESSMAN CELLER  
Says Mandate a Failure

## Asks Dumbarton To End Mandate

**By Jewish Telegraphic Agency**  
WASHINGTON—A suggestion that the Dumbarton Oaks conference put an end to Great Britain's sole mandatory power over Palestine was made last week in a letter by Congressman Emmanuel Celler, New York Democrat, to Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., Under Secretary of State and chairman of the Post-War Peace and Security Conference at Dumbarton Oaks. A copy of the letter was sent to Andrew A. Gromyko, the Soviet Ambassador.

Stating that the "mandate system that emanated from the League of Nations turned out to be a dismal failure," Representative Celler suggested that in the future the mandate over any country be entrusted to a condominium of two or more states. He recommended that the mandate hereafter be a United Nation's trusteeship, with a group of at least two major powers combining with a minor power. He criticized severely Great Britain's mandate over Palestine, mentioning the British white paper, which excludes entrance of Jews in Palestine as "placing property rights above human rights."

## GEN. CHERANIAKHOVSKY NOT JEWISH, CONFUSED WITH CHERNIAVSKY

MOSCOW—Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky, Soviet commander of the Third Byelorussian Army which is now at the gates of Germany, is not a Jew despite the fact that he is being hailed in the United States and in England as a Jewish front commander, it was established here by the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The correspondent checked and rechecked on Gen. Cherniakhovsky's genealogy, aided in this work by Soviet Jewish leaders who, after a thorough investigation, declare that Gen. Cherniakhovsky "is positively non-Jewish."

It is taken for granted here that Gen. Cherniakhovsky's name was confused abroad with the name of the Soviet Jewish General Mikhail Cherniavsky. Lieut. General Mikhail Cherniavsky who is well-known in the military world abroad as a tank-troops commander, is one of the Soviet commanders of the Second Baltic

## Hungary Admits New Deportations

**By Jewish Telegraphic Agency**  
STOCKHOLM—Reliable information reaching here this week from Budapest reveals that Hungarian authorities, cooperating with the Gestapo, resumed the mass-deportations of Jews from Hungary immediately after it became known that Rumania had joined the Allies and turned against Germany and Hungary.

Cattle trains loaded with Jews left Hungary for "unknown destinations" during the past week, despite the promise by Regent Horthy to King Gustav of Sweden that Jews would no longer be deported from the country, a report received here says. Various sections of the Hungarian administration are now working against each other, but the Gestapo exerts the determining influence, the report added.

The Swedish Government, perturbed by this report, indicated that it intends to send a special delegate to Budapest in an effort to halt the renewed deportations. Prominent Hungarian Jews reaching Stockholm, however, doubt whether the efforts of the Swedish Government will have any success.

(The Hungarian Information Office in New York this week released a cable from its London representative confirming the report that the deportation of Jews from Hungary has been resumed. "It is not true that these deportations are being carried out only by the Germans," the cable said. "The Hungarian authorities and the gendarmes are arresting Jews in Budapest for deportation.")

## Thrown from Roof, Dies

**By Jewish Telegraphic Agency**  
TEL AVIV—Willy Millbauer, 32, and Jewish was thrown by unknown persons from the roof of his flat and died instantly, following a threat on his life for refusing to contribute \$4,000 to an unnamed underground organization.

## Dutch To Welcome Jews.

**By Jewish Telegraphic Agency**  
NEW YORK—The people of occupied Holland, through a manifesto published in underground newspapers and received by the Dutch Government-in-Exile in London, declared that they are anxiously awaiting the day when they can welcome back Jews of Holland, the World Jewish Congress reports.

The manifesto reads: "—that repatriation of Jews deported by the Germans be carried on in the speediest manner."



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SOME ALL TOO FEW SENTENCES ON PREJUDICE

There is a lie in Voltaire deeper than any of his Jewish confusions. It is not a single lie but a whole process of thought.

Voltaire examined ideas and never their human origins. Like many philosophers, who are usually journalists in quest of abstract scandals, the Frenchman investigated crimes against reason as if they were misarrangements of words or lapses in logic. He did not know, as Shakespeare knew, that the ideas of men are the debris of an inner battle fought out of sight of the mind. He had no eye for the forces of passion, greed, terror, and insufficiency that throw our thinking at us. He visualized reason as the vestments of mathematics. It is not that. It is a vestige rescued from mania.

He would have written of Dostoevsky, had he been able to read him, that the Russian was an industrious reporter full of useless tidings from chaos. Shakespeare he did read and of him he wrote—"He would have been a perfect poet had he lived in the time of Addison. Addison is, perhaps of all English writers, the one who best knew how to guide genius with taste. . . . I find it somewhat extraordinary that (Shakespeare's) buffoonery and drunkenness count among the beauties of the tragic stage." (I have rearranged the sequence of this quotation so as to make both my and Voltaire's point more obvious.)

He seems to have found it extraordinary that buffoonery and disorder also existed on the human stage. Consequently, he wrote—and this is the great lie behind his thinking—"Prejudice is opinion

without judgment." It is a statement worth examining, for in it lies not only Voltaire's, but half of the world's misunderstanding of itself.

This statement says that our souls can be purged of evil by the attentions of the schoolmaster. It says that we are unreasonable because we have not been exposed to enlightenment. It says that our passions can be arranged into tasty, Addisonian order by the application of external logic—knowledge. It says that error exists because truth has not been offered in exchange. It says that the prejudices which fling us into stupid, silly, or barbarous behaviors are no more than an absence of judgment.

This is a misconception so deep and so tall that, in making it, Voltaire divorces himself, not only from Shakespeare and all the poets, but from all psychology as well. And without psychology there is no truth any more than there is history without bloodshed.

It is this misconception of what prejudice is—of what unreason is—that made Voltaire an anti-Semite. He thought that truth lay in the exposure of some Jewish and Christian "miracles." He had no eye for the maladjustments of his own Europeans—that made their persecution of the Jew a thousandfold more unsavory than the latter's worst intellectual lapses and a thousandfold more important in the study of human unreason. It is this preference for playing solitaire with ideas—as if that little deck held all the faces of mankind—that makes philosophers often anti-human, or at least anti-social.

Voltaire's sentence that "Preju-

dice is opinion without judgment" is not a sentence, but a credo. It is a religion that misunderstands, not God, but man. In this sentence there is, even on the surface, a glaring contradiction that should have been obvious to the logician—Voltaire. He should have seen that his credo presupposed fantastically that the mass of humanity was fit for the exercise of judgment. He himself knew better than this. He knew that the history of Europe revealed that no more than a handful of men in a generation were capable of thinking and acting as rational men. And he knew—no one better—that even this handful of enlightened ones remained as full of prejudices as a cow's tail is of fleas.

The study of anti-Semitism is no more than a sidelong look at the human genius for prejudice. I do not mean our superficial prejudices—the ones that are formed by the many wanton winds that blow our personalities together. Our external minds are of minor importance in our own or in the world's destiny. They are dressed mainly out of journalistic dust storms. Those loose fittings that we call our political beliefs or social tenets are not prejudices at all. They seldom array us against reason or send us gallivanting through a vacuum. They do no more than add a touch of eccentricity to our cliches.

True prejudice is not opinion at all and cannot be influenced by the things that make up opinion, knowledge, or sanity. True prejudice is an inner unreason as necessary to us as our outer reasonableness; that is, as necessary to our continuation as buffoons and drunkards of life. Evolution—the same evolution that changes with godlike slowness our bones and tissues—is its only schoolmaster.

Until we are straightened from our Simian mental stoop, prejudice will remain our shield against illness, our buckler against matters otherwise insufferable to our ego.

Prejudice is the bandage that protects a sore segment of the brain. Judgment can neither unwrap it nor enlightenment pluck it away.

Prejudice is our method of transferring our own sickness to others. It is our ruse for disliking others rather than ourselves. We find absolution in our prejudices. We find also in them an enemy made to order rather than inimical forces out of our control.

By our prejudices we pardon ourselves; we excuse our defeats, we increase our stature, we utilize our ignorance which is our major equipment.

Prejudice is a raft onto which the shipwrecked mind clammers and paddles to safety.

The human ocean bottoms where prejudices are formed are too deep for the educators or the precept bringers. There no light can shine. It is into this dark place that the word Jew has fallen. It has become a word, not of historical or religious meaning, but a symbol of obsession—one of the mystic forces by which men are able to outwit their insufficiencies.

The word Jew has in two thousand years been promoted from the name of a people to the name of a symptom. Along with the many hoarier complexes and phobias that disturb and, at the same time, protect the human soul from disintegration stands this new magic in the subconscious—the Jew complex.

It existed in one of its more evil guises in the texture of a man who is called one of the greatest minds of the race. Voltaire, in his antipathy for the "wretched little Jews," proved himself, if proof be needed, that prejudice is independent of judgment. For he was a man of excellent judgment. He revealed, to the contrary, that the prejudice of anti-Semitism is a symptom that can thrive as virulently in the most acute and enlightened of minds as it can in the darkened thought of fools.

Enter Senor Pinto

I met him in a history book. He is a tall, handsome man with an imperious eye but an unhappy mouth. He is a Portuguese Jew of distinction, and lives in elegance in the city of Bordeaux, France; time, 1763.

The Senor owns a few sailing vessels, trades with the people of the Indies, has a carriage with four horses, pomades his hair, takes snuff, carries an ivory-handled cane, and reads the latest works of the new French Freemason, Arouet de Voltaire.

These are admirable works but they, nonetheless, disturb Senor Pinto, for there is much in them that is unpalatable to a Jew. The merchant of Bordeaux calls in some of his friends. They arrive in velvet carriages drawn by happy horses. They discuss the matter of this Jewish calumny of Monsieur Voltaire over tall bottles of wine. The Jews must strike back at this Freemason. And who is there better fitted than Pinto, so rich, so well read, so talented?

Thus, by acclamation, Senor Pinto is declared champion of the Jews. He seizes his quill, produces in five weeks a fine volume of rebuttal, and takes this volume to Paris to hurl at Voltaire. The rebuttal says that Voltaire is a fool in assailing Jews as if they were all alike. Senor Pinto points out indignantly that the Portuguese Jews, who "are all practically aristocrats," despise German and Russian Jews as deeply as do any of their other despisers. All Voltaire has to say against the Israelites, cries the Senor from Bordeaux, might well be true of these same uncouth German and Russian varieties. But it is in no way applicable to the fine, high-class Semites only recently driven out of Portugal.

I shake hands with Pinto. He soothes me. He reveals that neither Voltaire nor any anti-Semites have a corner on intolerance. It is not good for a people to be too much in the right, too noble, too flawless. It would unbalance them. They would become then like a badly written character in a play—the one who has nothing to do but recite all the long, dull speeches on goodness and honor. The Jew is no such bore.

I applaud Senor Pinto and bring him to the footlights for a bow—at the end of Act Two. He looks around with imperious eye, takes a pinch of snuff and smiles with the arrogance of a Cardinal.

But Senor Pinto's distaste for all Jews but his own brocaded variety has an unhappy Act Three. Attracted by this dandy's boasts, Christendom looks on the towns of Bordeaux and Avignon and is shocked to see Jews living in such high estate, Jews with ivory-handled canes and velvet capes and large sailing vessels full of spices and gold plate. Unlike the Epicurean Pinto, the Gentiles are unable to savor the distinction between

Portuguese and German Semites. They launch themselves at once into the bedevilment of Pinto's own people. The Portuguese Jews of Bordeaux are stripped again of their dignity and treasures and sent packing into ghettos.

Another reason I admire Pinto is that he permits me to say, here is one Jew who was victim only of his own stupidity. I imagine there are many such, but Pinto stands in a spotlight. There is a certain relaxation in beholding the Jew as a villain, even if it is only himself he outrages. There is also a historic lesson in Pinto, for he reveals that when the Jew plays villain, there are always better villains around to steal the part from him.

Senor Pinto also helps me to understand many Jews of today who have come to high estate in various lands. These elegant ones are ever ready to repudiate all Jews without ivory-handled canes, collections of fine paintings, or the ear of an archbishop. No more than poor Pinto will these Jewish Fortunatuses know that, in the eyes of anti-Semites, Jews are as inseparable and identical as Siamese twins. No more than Pinto will they learn that even espousing so un-Jewish a cause as anti-Semitism never makes a Jew less a Jew.

But Senor Pinto is not entirely a villain nor yet a fool. He is more the victim of a certain logic that the world refuses to share with him. This often troubles Jews more than the calumnies of their enemies. The logic in their own heads informs them they are not Jews at all, judged by any Jewish standards they know. They are cynics, philosophers, sophisticates, and even atheists. They care no more for Jews than for Patagonians. But there comes a morning when they always wake up—Jews. History stands outside their windows and, in a voice that seems truly that of an idiot, bids them attend a massacre being held for Jews only.

At such a time the Pintos and the near Pintos beat their bosoms and catch a look at the true meaning of the Jew. He is part of a game the world plays. Although it devote itself eagerly to his extermination, it cannot afford the loss of his Jewishness. This Jewishness is not essential to the Jew, who may outgrow and outwit it. But it is to his enemy, who refuses to outgrow a panacea so soothing, so enriching, so ego-inflating as anti-Semitism.

(Continued Next Week)

20 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency  
BERLIN—"I was too mild an anti-Semite," declared Adolf Hitler, defeated leader of the Bavarian Beer Revolution, now imprisoned in Lapdeberg, when he commented upon the information submitted to him of the reports circulated in the Jewish press that he had renounced anti-Semitism. "It is ridiculous," he stated. "To the contrary, I was rather too mild an anti-Semite. I am now engaged in writing a book which I consider to be the work of my life in which I will prove that only through a sharp campaign against the Jews, will the world be saved from the Jewish disease."

A group of 1,500 Jews who succeeded in escaping from the Nazis and are now hiding in Yugoslavia, are in dire need of assistance, the Yugoslav Red Cross has informed the Rome authorities.

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# PARTITION WORRIES U. S. ZIONISTS

## Aug. 14 Date Passes, Still No Word from F. D. R.

By BORIS SMOLAR  
J. T. A. Editor in Chief

NEW YORK—Zionist leaders in this country are trying to determine whether the Anglo-American plan to replace the Palestine mandate with a United Nations, trusteeship would mean the partition of Palestine.

Much talk is now heard about the possible partitioning of Palestine under the Anglo-American scheme.

The partition scheme seems part of the plan to establish a Jewish state under international trusteeship, and Zionist leaders in New York were given to understand by Acting Secretary of State Stettinius that they will learn all about what is in store for Palestine when President Roosevelt receives them. He even told them to be prepared for such a reception in the White House on August 15. But that date is past, and so far President Roosevelt has found no time to receive the Zionist leaders, which, of course, does not mean that he will not see them eventually. In the meantime there is a good deal of nervous tension prevailing among Zionist leadership here. Nobody wants Palestine partitioned. Even those among the Zionists who would like to see a Jewish State in Palestine at any cost, even they do not dare to say openly that they would approve of partition.

### To Fight Partition

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM—Rumors current all over Palestine of a possible solution of the Arab-Jewish problem through the partitioning of Palestine, are provoking a good deal of anxiety among all sections of the Jewish population, especially the left-wing laborites.

At a session of the Small Zionist Actions Committee this week members of the Movement for Labor Unity, which constitutes the opposition group within the Jewish Labor Party, insisted that leaders of the Jewish Agency either deny or confirm the rumors with regard to possible partitioning of Palestine. The presidium of the Actions Committee, however, declined to permit an immediate discussion on this subject, and promised to convene a special session within a fortnight, to be devoted exclusively to the attitude of the Yishuv towards any partition scheme.

Leaders of the Hashomer Hatzair and the Jewish Socialist League this week held a joint meeting, called to discuss measures to combat any allied plan which may involve the partitioning of Palestine. The meeting issued a call to all Jewish workers in Palestine "to fight the danger threatening the Zionist cause and to defend the integrity of the country." It was decided at the meeting that a delegation be sent to England and to the United States "to mobilize the support of the working masses in the fight against partitioning of Palestine." The Movement for Labor Unity was urged to join in this fight with the Hashomer Hatzair and the Socialist League.

## ANTI-JEWISH FILM SHOWN

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES—The black-listed Astoria cinema has begun a two-week run of the German film "Jew Sues," the violently anti-Semitic production of the German Propaganda Department.

## Dewey's Mother Denies Paper's Charge

Special—

NEW YORK—A forthright statement that "all the quotations were entirely inaccurate" was wired to the New York Post by Mrs. M. George Dewey, mother of the Republican Presidential standard-bearer, after that paper had talked to her in connection with an interview in The Chicago Defender, a leading Negro weekly, in which Mrs. Dewey is said to have defamed the Jews.

The Defender quoted Mrs. Dewey as saying: "They are so greedy, rich and egotistical. They've got so much money." The paper said she also expressed concern over the Jews' "lust for power."

The Chicago paper charged that Owosso, Mich., birthplace of Gov. Dewey, and his mother's home will not permit Negroes to live there or remain overnight. The Negro paper's stand was that Mrs. Dewey failed to register any disapproval of the town's policy.

## J. N. F. Income Up 61%; U. S. Supplies Over Half

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM—An increase of sixty-one percent in the income of the Jewish National Fund during the last ten months as compared with the corresponding period of previous year, was reported here this week by the JNF headquarters.

The income of the JNF from October, 1943, till August, 1944 amounted to more than \$5,600,000. The Jews of the United States contributed sixty per cent of this sum. Of the balance, ten percent was covered each by Jews of South Africa, and Palestine, while the remainder came from England, Canada, Australia and Latin American countries.

The Jewish National Fund possesses now a total of 704,859 dunams of land of which 42,899 were acquired during the last ten months.

## Co-operate in "Release Time" Plan in Schools

Special

OAKLAND, Cal.—Representatives of Temple Sinai, Beth Abraham and Congregation Beth Jacob are taking part in negotiations to work out details of the Jewish community's co-operation in the "release time" program for teaching religion of the Oakland Board of Education. Children in the fifth and sixth grades will be released beginning this Fall at the request of their parents for a period of religious instruction in the faith of their preference.

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## CONGRESS GETS PALESTINE FREE PORT RESOLUTIONS

Special—

WASHINGTON—Similar resolutions urging the President and the Secretary of State "to use their good offices" for the immediate establishment of mass-emergency rescue shelters in Palestine as havens for the Jews of Hungary were introduced this week in both Houses of Congress. The Hebrew Committee of National Liberation was responsible for the moves.

The resolution in the Senate was sponsored by Sen. Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, Sen. James E. Murray of Montana and Sen. Homer Ferguson of Michigan. The resolution in the House was sponsored by Rep. Andrew L. Somers of New York, Rep. Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts and Rep.

Hugh D. Scott, Jr. of Pennsylvania.

In welcoming the introduction of the resolution, Peter H. Bergson, Hebrew Liberation Committee chairman, said: "During the past five years every aspect of British Foreign and Empire policies has undergone a change except one—the administration of Palestine. Here the policies laid down at the height of the Munich appeasement by Mr. Chamberlain still remain in force.

"The British Colonial Office has forced the Hebrew people in Palestine to be passive onlookers at the extermination of their brothers in Europe. They were forced to keep their homes shut to these kin, thus passively cooperating with the German murderers. The Colonial

Office insists that the wisdom of Mr. Chamberlain's policies of 1939 is more definite than the three million Hebrew corpses in Europe. Faced with this attitude we have made an end-of-the-road appeal to the British Government."

## 2 Weeks in Cattle Cars As 320 Reach Switzerland

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

GENEVA—The circumstances under which the first 320 Jews were permitted to leave Hungary for Switzerland are described in the Swiss press. The Jewish refugees left Hungary about two weeks ago, traveling all the time in cattle-cars. Some of them died en route. Others had to be carried from the train on stretchers when they reached Basle.

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## Lose One, Gain One—General Pierre Koenig, Liberator of Paris, Definitely a Jew

By DAVID SCHWARTZ

Paris is liberated and the leader of the French forces of the Interior, accomplishing that great deed is the Jewish general, Pierre Joseph Koenig.

God has not forsaken the Jews after all. Just when we were disappointed to learn that General Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky, commander of the Russian Army which has penetrated German soil is not Jewish, after all the newspapers had first said he was, we are consoled with the fact that the man who led in the liberation of Paris is unquestionably Jewish.

It appears that the mistake in the case of General Cherniakhovsky came from a confusion with another Russian general, who bears a very much similar name, Lieutenant General Cherniavsky. This latter officer

is Jewish and is also a brilliant tank commander. He couldn't have become a lieutenant general in the Russian army without being so and in fact, the Jewish general Cherniavsky, we are further informed was commended by Marshal Stalin in a special order of the day for succeeding in breaking through the German line at Idrissa. So if we lose credit for one Russian general, we gain another.

And if we Jews need any more special satisfaction, we have it here in the case of General Pierre Joseph Koenig. It was rumored several years ago, when France fell, that George Mandell, the "strong man" in the French cabinet had said, that if his name had been Pierre, instead of one so closely resembling Mendel, he could have saved France. Even we Jews

in our inferiority complex laugh at Mendel. Says the Yiddish proverb,

"Venn er heisst Mendel  
Meg man essen von sein fendel"

But there is really nothing to laugh at in the name Mandel. One of the greatest Jewish philosophers bore that name and one of the world's greatest composers — Moses Mendelson and Felix Mendelson respectively.

Nevertheless, the world does look with some contempt at the name Mendel, and it appears, George Mandell was right. It was necessary for a Jew to be named Pierre before he could save Paris.

Be it so, a Jew by any another name smells as sweet to us.

## Our Film Folks

### HOLLYWOOD

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By HELEN ZIGMOND

HOLLYWOOD—In "Americans All," the March of Time reel, which has been banned in Florida, Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein sets forth a list of precepts which would do well to hang in every office and every American home:

"First: Don't generalize. I have yet to find a single group stigmatization which is correct. They are all false.

Second: Don't compare the worst in other groups with the best in your own. It is death to logic and it will not bear the light of faith.

Third: Have friends in other groups.

Fourth: Judge a man for what he is and what he does and not for his antecedents."

An excellent antidote to the poison of race hatred and religious prejudice extant in this fair land. Certain elected representatives of the people ought to repeat it with their nightly prayers—if any.

Theaters are ready for End-of-the-War Day and several days thereafter. To forestall the riotous vandalism of Armistice, 1918, they'll just close up shop.

"No Wings on a Foxhole," first song from the Irving Berlin pen in many a month, is being considered in Washington as the new official tune of the infantry. As with "God Bless America," Berlin is donating all royalties to war funds and charities with the exception of a slim eight cents per copy for his expense. Strange to relate, Berlin's "This Is the Army" is banned from Ireland because "it is not neutral enough." When the show hit Rome, Irving's squeaky rendition of "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" brought forth an ear-splitting applause. Then he shyly confided he didn't have much of a voice, but he would sing anything the boys would like. With a mighty roar they told him the songs they wanted.

Musically speaking, Benny Goodman observes: Mussolini played second fiddle, but Hitler will have to face the music!

Film Fax and Snax: The delightful dialectical "Mrs. Nussbaum," radio character of Fred Allen's show, will be transplanted

to a picture, "Fickle Fortune." Winchell's daughter, Toni Eden, will bow into flickers with a considerable part in "Nob Hill." Twenty-five years ago Belle Baker was recording platters for Brunswick. Today she is being sought after for a new air show. Her magnetism does not diminish with

the years. And patrons never tire of Sophie Tucker's warbling—she continues to draw the customers at every engagement . . . currently she's attracting them to the Florentine Gardens in Hollywood. Did you know that Max Factor, Jr., has been authoring a beauty-aid column for a national newspaper syndicate during the past four years? Leonard Levinson, owning some lots near the Warner studio, posts a sign: "Buy War Bonds. Or buy this property and I'll buy War Bonds." Rose Franken will install a new play on the Great White Way . . . it's tagged "Soldier's Wife" . . . and will later be EmGeeEmd.

## A Column of Views and Comments

By G. M. COHEN

The request in this column for a booklet explaining the observances of Jewish holidays in simple form for the average uneducated U. S. Jew, brought an excellent 4 inch by 5½ inch, 42-page compilation called, "The Sanctuary of the Home" by Rabbi Albert G. Minda of Temple Israel in Minneapolis. The contents include prayers for forty-two occasions running from "Family Prayer on Consecrating a New Home" to the "Family Prayer on Kindling Yahrzeit Light in Memory of a Departed Member." The prayers are beautifully composed, all in English, with transliteration of an occasional Hebrew sentence. I don't know how or if these are available, but I'd like readers who want one to write in, and if necessary, we'll spend the money to have some printed, although the booklet we had in mind when writing last week was a combination of Rabbi Minda's prayers and explanations of the home observance of the important Jewish holidays.

It probably is news even to the family of the late Felix M. Warburg, who no doubt forgot all about the presentation, but the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's "Twenty Years Ago This Week" reports from New York the bestowing on Mr. Warburg of the Cross of the Hungarian Red Cross by Regent Horthy of Hungary. Mr. Warburg was then president of the Joint Distribution Committee. It would have been poetic justice to have had the medal thrown back into Horthy's face just to show the world that the dictator at one time had other feelings towards Jews.

Add to the news story that a Jew, Lt. Abraham Condiotti was the first to land in France on D Day, the report that Capt. Henry G. Plitt, also Jewish, was the first

American to set foot on French soil the same day. According to the Sigma Alpha Mu "Octagonian," Capt. Plitt was reported by War Correspondent Robert Rubin of Reuters to have "floated down with his men of the 502nd Regiment, 40 minutes in advance of other airborne groups and several hours before beach landings."

I like the editorial of the Miami Daily News in connection with Miami's (later extended to most of Florida) ban on the showing of "Americans All." "The question before the house is: Shall Greater Miami secede from the United States and reverse its war aims, join up with the hate boys, or shall Greater Miami join the boys fighting against tyranny, intolerance and hate overseas, and get busy here at home? . . . In the denial to the people of Miami of the right to pass for themselves on the merits of a significant film, wherein does the cancellation differ from Hitler's book burnings and the silly antics of the Boston bluenose censors?"

## ANYBODY UNDER 14 WELCOME

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency GENEVA—The Swiss government announced that it will admit any child from German-held territory reaching the Swiss frontiers, providing it is under 14 years of age. Such children will not be asked for passports or visas usually required from adults, the announcement said.

The refugee children will be permitted to remain in Switzerland until it is safe for them to return to their native lands, the Swiss announcement said, adding that the young refugees will be taken care of by the International Red Cross with funds raised by public subscriptions.

## ACTIVE IN MAQUIS RANKS

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency LONDON—The existence in France of a well-organized Jewish underground movement which has been active in the ranks of the Maquis was revealed here for the first time with the liberation of Paris by French patriots.

## Grodno Survivors Listed

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency MOSCOW—The Jewish Telegraphic Agency this week received a list giving the names of 200 Jewish survivors in the liberated city of Grodno, where 45,000 Jews lived before the outbreak of the war.

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**..NEW YORK DATELINE..**

By RINNA GROSSMAN

**Palestine—Focal Point Again**

The fall season of rumors regarding the future of Palestine has opened on a sombre note this year. Palestine has again become the focal point of the Jewish world, as it has, almost every year, before the summer has passed. And this year, as the war in Europe winds its way to final victory, there is, somehow, a new, more serious emphasis placed upon the possibility of an Allied solution to the problem of Palestine before the year is out.

To begin with, there is a new High Commissioner in Palestine. Viscount Gort, former Governor of Malta has become the center of a fresh bunch of conjecture. Here, in New York, during the past week, I heard any number of comments about him, all of them based on the "He-can't-be-any-worse-than-McMichael" line. Of Gort himself, since his new appointment, we know little. He saw the Pope and was said to have discussed Palestine with him. He heard of his predecessor's narrow escape from assassination in Palestine only a few weeks ago. He knew himself to be a much discussed figure—and perhaps, he knew also what future was being blueprinted for the small, troubled land over which he is soon to rule.

Then, there are the usual crop of vague and unconfirmed rumors regarding the Dumbarton Oaks talks and the chances of Palestine being on the agenda. There is not the slightest reason to believe that Palestine will be so much as mentioned, since the agenda has already been arranged, and neither Palestine nor the question of the Jewish postwar world are on it. But the "confidential hints" and their ilk are still bruited about.

And above all, there is significant recurrence of talk concerning the partition of Palestine and the actual establishment of a Pan-Arab Federation in the Near East, which will include a truncated version of a Jewish state—pocket edition. Most of these rumors emanate from London. I lunched last week with a prominent Zionist official who told me "confidentially" that there seems to be little doubt in the minds of Colonial Office spokesmen in London that the United States would agree to such a partition scheme, provided the Jewish State were based on "reasonable" land distribution. The chances are that this partition scheme would create a kingdom or state, composed of the greater part of Syria and Palestine, the tiny remainder to be known as a Jewish State. When the last mighty debate about partition came up seven years ago, there was considerable sentiment among Palestinian and world Jewry in favor of the plan, on the grounds that, after all, "something was better than nothing." With the new rumors, there have been concurrent rationalizations along these lines. And unless such premature chattering is stilled soon, it may be a source of encouragement to the powers that be.

At the same time, there is much gossip here anent the creation of a Jewish army. I have spoken to people who are quite happy about the prospect of the formation of a new "Jewish Legion," but these are mostly people who did not participate in the bitter struggle four years ago when we pressed for a Jewish Army to defend Palestine itself and were refused. They are people who cannot remember that time and time again since 1940, Jewish organizations throughout the world asked that we might raise the blue and white banner over battalions of Jewish servicemen who would avenge the ghettos and redeem with honor those who died unsung, almost forgotten. Now, as Paris is freed and the chances of the war ending soon increase they are happy that at last we may be allowed to fight under our own names. It might be wise to realize that the sagest and wisest of the proponents of a Jewish Army have ceased to press for it, for if, today, the very flower of Palestine's youth were removed from the Near East and sent to the Pacific, there would be no one left at home, should the crucial moment come and Palestine require the might of its youth.

And there is, once more, conversation concerning the "riots" in Palestine. New exaggerations, new embellishments of the truth, new suppositions based on uncertain dispatches and stories that lose point crossing the seas to New York and London. It seems true that trouble is rife in Palestine. That terrorism is still unchecked. That guns and bullets are still smuggled into the country, perhaps just planted in convenient places, but there is no reason to suppose that Jewish Palestine, still chock-full of Allied troops, has thrown off its self-designed mantle of non-retaliation and discretion.

This appears a suitable moment to pause, take stock and consider. For soon Palestine may be in the headlines, and it would be well if American Jewry, its head clear of rumors and hints and tall tales, could take a knowing stand. And the best way to do that, by and large, is to ignore almost all the predictions and prognostications wafted on summer winds, until the sober statements of autumn are issued.

Then, there are the stories that crop up every year or so, and sound at first fantastic, then more reasonable, and finally upon third thought, wholly credible. Do not be misled, for they are generally just as fantastic as they sounded at first!

Of this genre is a story told me last week which I pass on to you in the hope that when you hear it, you will ignore it.

A leading Jewish personality in New York, a man with sound and justified reputation and a grave and learned mind told me the other day that he had just returned from Washington where over a luncheon table he was told that there seemed to be a move towards splitting the mandate over Palestine three ways, so that Great Britain, Russia and the United States would have an equal say in the controlling of the country. That this would be put in effect once partition was made public, and the British decision announced. Furthermore, he said, with all sobriety, he had heard at the same table that the Big

**Hail Indiana City's Gift to Red Army**

Special—

NEW YORK—The Jewish Welfare Board of Muncie, Ind., has contributed 1000 household emergency kits and 175,000 sulfathiazole tablets for the Red Army, it was announced by Judge Anna M. Kross, chairman of the administration committee of the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief.

"This splendid gift from the 60 Jewish families of Muncie, Ind.," Judge Kross said, "represents the ideal participation of the Jewish community in our work to help the Soviet people. We hope it will serve as a model for many more communities. The Muncie gift will be sent with a message to a comparable industrial city of 50,000 people in the Soviet Union."

There are only about sixty Jewish families in Muncie, the city in Indiana made famous by Professor Lynd of Columbia University in his classic studies, "Middletown" and "Middletown in Transition." For the past three years the Muncie Jewish community has been collecting used clothing and old watches for the use of Russian soldiers, doctors and civilians. The community has asked that greetings be sent in the name of the Jewish community of Muncie to the Jews of the typical Russian city as a symbol of the solidarity of freedom-loving people in the war against fascism.

**Conference Sends Hull Punishment Proposals**

Special—

NEW YORK—Declaring that Axis crimes against the Jewish people "cannot go unpunished without destroying the legal and moral foundations upon which our civilization rests," the American Jewish Conference this week urged that provision for surrender of Axis war criminals by the Axis powers, their allies and associates, be included in the terms of the armistice and submitted an eight-point proposal on the punishment of war criminals to Secretary of State Cordell Hull for the consideration of our government and the United Nations Commission for the Investigation of War Crimes in London.

**Test Clause in Deed Prohibiting Jews**

Special—

TORONTO—A legal action to determine whether the owner of a property can perpetuate, through discriminatory clauses, in the deed to the lot, restrictions in the sale of the property to Jews, is pending in the Supreme Court of Ontario. The action seeks to have stricken from the deed a clause restraining the purchaser from selling the property to "Jews or to persons of objectionable nationality."

Three would govern the country with the aid of a Jewish council, thus making the actual rule a four-way proposition.

After I had heard this story, I mentioned it to a young journalist friend of mine, merely to test her reaction. Upon which she promptly informed me that she had heard the same legend from a man who came recently from Cairo. Truth of the matter is of course evident the moment you examine the preposterous premise on which the story was based. And yet, within a day or two it had been discussed by some five or six people, and discussed quite seriously.

This is the moment to resolve that until the fall comes there will be no more window shopping in Jewish national life, for tempting as the exhibits look, they are almost always made of wax!

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BY PHINEAS BIRON

**LISTEN HERE**

The Department of Justice has as yet taken no action against Joseph P. Kamp, mastermind of the Constitutional Educational League and the propaganda brains of the American Nationalists . . . Kamp has raised substantial amounts from big business in support of his "anti-Communist" campaign. Actually he is carrying on a Fascist educational campaign . . . Kamp boasts that he is distributing millions of copies of his anti-Democratic booklet and pamphlets. . . And that makes us wonder where he gets the paper, which is so strictly rationed to bona fide publishers. . . The Gentile Cooperative Association is on the skids. . . Eugene R. Flitcraft, founder and publisher of the Gentile News, monthly publication of the Association, is bewildered at the sudden collapse of his anti-Semitic campaign. . . Orchids are due to the Rev. Paul J. Folino, pastor of the United Church of South Chicago, who mobilized religious sentiment against this undemocratic campaign. . . Congratulations to Lewis Booth, chairman of the Dayton, Ohio, Public Service League, for his consistent and untiring efforts in countering the anti-Semitic whispering campaign in his state. . . Booth never failed to keep on reminding the moral saboteurs that more than 2500 Jews have received the Purple Heart and other awards for valor in this war.

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**READER'S GUIDE**

"Chaim Weizmann, Statesman, Scientist, Patriot" will be published by the Dial Press in November. . . The book will have 388 pages and will cost three dollars. . . Among its contributors will be Pierre van Paassen, Dorothy Thompson, Frances L. Lloyd George, Thomas Mann and a great galaxy of philosophers, scientists, scholars, diplomats and so forth. . . Meyer W. Weisgal is editing the tome, and Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter is writing the introduction. . . If you want to read a fascinating life story get a copy of "The Oracle of Broadway" . . . It's a biography of Oliver Morosco, the fabulous theatrical producer who started his career as a child acrobat.

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**PROFILETTE OF A LITERATEUR**

George Jean Nathan is a man who has studied a great deal . . . In his younger years he ate up books. . . Anything in print interested him—Europe's polyglot literature impressed him. . . As the close collaborator of H. L. Mencken he was co-editor with him of Smart Set and of the American Mercury (which has completely changed its character since the Mencken-Nathan days) . . . He has an uncanny flair for discovering symptoms of talent in new writers. . . But his standards are high, sometimes even a bit snobbish. . . He's rarely, if ever, concerned with contemporary political trends and historic currents. . . His dramatic reviews, appearing in several of the leading national magazines, are always witty, even though here and there they may be unjust. . . He doesn't take any interest in Jewish affairs, and shrugs off any mention of them as an unsavory subject. . . A bachelor, he enjoys all the best gastronomic delicacies obtainable.

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**ABOUT PEOPLE**

Dr. Kurt Wallerstein intends to settle in Palestine after the war . . . Wallerstein, if you don't remember, is the discoverer, together with Dr. Hans Enoch, of vivicillin, a new drug which is expected to save many lives in the packed military hospitals of Europe. . . Last week was not the first time Professor Albert Einstein almost drowned while cruising along in a sailboat. . . It's only a few years since rescuers had to fish him out of some pretty deep waters. . . Irene Kuhn has graduated from Broadway publicity to the post of associate publicity director of the Republican National Committee. . . At a summer Hotel at Ferndale, N. Y., we recently met Petty Officer Isidor Greenbaum of the U. S. Armed Transport Service. . . Greenbaum, just back from the D-Day doings off the coast of France, is the fellow who, back in February, 1939, attended a German Bund Meeting in New York's Madison Square Garden and shouted "Down with Hitler!" . . . No doubt you remember what pandemonium broke out after that candid cry. . . Back on these shores is filmland's Edward G. Robinson, pro displaying mementos—which include a Nazi Iron Cross—of his entertainment tour overseas. . . Have you been listening to our old friend Gabriel Heatter lately? . . . A recent radio popularity survey lists him at the head of the roster of commentators.

**Einstein Dunked**

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y.—Prof. Albert Einstein was among a group saved here from the waters of Saranac Lake where his sailboat was upset. He is a guest at a summer hotel in the Adirondacks.

**Buy War Bonds**



## FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Names of letter writers need not be printed, and will not be divulged, although the name must be appended to the letter as it reaches our office for verification as to authenticity. Unsigned letters will not be considered. Letters should be brief and to the point, and written on one side of the page only.

## SAYS POST WENT HAYWIRE IN EDITORIAL OF AUG. 18

To the Editor:

I am afraid you went completely haywire in your editorial "Round One to the Committee," in the issue of Aug. 18, which represents an astounding departure from your usual good sense and public responsibility. I certainly never expected to see you subscribe to the strange and vulgar notion that the accomplishments of Jewish organizations are to be evaluated in terms of press releases, and that because the American Jewish Committee got into the papers first with a report of its letter to Secretary Hull it somehow "put one over" on the American Jewish Conference. And as though the editorial were not bad enough, the heading of your news item, "Conference Second in Presenting Plans" even more strikingly underscores the utter silliness of this system of appraisal.

Planning for the post-war needs of world Jewry is not a game of organizational politics. Jewish lives and Jewish happiness are at stake. No responsible organization, least of all the American Jewish Conference, can permit a race for priority (and it is embarrassing even to have to point this out) to diminish the seriousness with which it meets its responsibility. Of course, it is desirable that the Committee and the Conference work out their programs in harmony, but since the Committee has chosen to operate on its own, the only valid consideration is that their best efforts be directed in the interests of the Jewish people.

Whatever the Committee may be up to—and I don't believe for a moment that its primary aim is to get there first—I can assure you that the American Jewish Conference was not in the least motivated by the Committee's prior action, in presenting its proposal for an International Bill of Rights to Mr. Stettinius. Though this is essentially irrelevant, the Conference was actually in correspondence with the State Department to arrange this meeting some time before the meeting took place. The Conference is a democratic organization, and its post-war program is being drafted only through full discussion on the part of expert sub-committees, the Post-War Commission, and finally the Interim Committee. As chairman of the committee on political status, which prepares draft proposals for the action of the Post-War Commission, I am in a position to inform you that the statement on an International Bill of Rights had been debated at length before it was finally whipped into satisfactory shape, and that it was submitted when it was ready and because the Dumbarton Oaks conference provided the propitious moment, and not because the American Jewish Committee had already offered a similar plan to Mr. Hull, as you broadly insinuate.

Furthermore, this is only one of the proposals at present being

developed by the Conference. Others, covering the problems of retribution, indemnification, restoration of rights, stateless Jews, repatriation and rehabilitation, registration of displaced Jews, etc., will be presented to the proper authorities in due course (and this in the near future), when they have been adequately considered and finally approved by the appropriate organs of the Conference.

To suggest, as you have done, that these serious matters are, or ought to be, in any way related to considerations of organizational primacy is to vulgarize the Conference and to debase the solemn responsibility with which the Jewish community has invested it. The Conference is by no means a perfect instrument, but in this one area of its function it is doing a thoroughly honest and earnest job.

Yours truly,  
JOSHUA TRACHTENBERG.  
Rabbi,  
Covenant of Peace,  
Easton, Pa.

Editor's Note: I don't think the above criticism is warranted. The editorial was very obviously, as was the heading on the news story, written from the standpoint of "reductio ad absurdum" of the disunity, duplication and competition between the national Jewish organizations in this particular field. When the editorial was written, I did not know of the Conference's plan to submit proposals of its own. In fact I had in mind the competition between the Committee and the American Jewish Congress, both of whom have full-blown peace commissions in operation. I am convinced that most readers understood plainly what I was driving at. My reference to the Conference was from the standpoint that the Conference wanted all plans to be presented by a representative Jewish group, but were stymied by this competition.

## Says It Is the Least He Can Do

To the Editor,

I feel that the least I can do to support such a worthwhile organ of Jewish opinion is to become a paid subscriber. I enclose my check. May you grow from strength to strength.

Sincerely,  
ELI A. BOHNEN.  
Chaplain,  
Camp Gruber, Okla.

## Engaged to Daughter Of Elmer Davis

Special—

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—The engagement of Anne Davis, daughter of OWI's Elmer Davis and Lt. Morris Kaplan, of this city, has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. Davis. Miss Davis is a school teacher here, and Lt. Kaplan a former newspaperman. No date has been set for the wedding.

## PORTIA LEE

Write Box 1633, Indianapolis

Dear Portia: My husband recently resigned from his position. There was a position advertised in the newspapers by an employment agency in which he thought he might be interested. He applied at the agency and the lady at the agency asked my husband, "What is your religion?" When she was told he was Jewish, she said, "Oh, well, I'll send you up there but be sure and tell them you are of some other faith. They are very opposed to Jewish employees and will not hire any but they do not need to know you are Jewish." Please tell me if you think my husband could be happy there? He said the position is the kind he is seeking. Thank you many times.

MRS. S.

Dear Mrs. S.: Under no circumstances should your husband agree to pretend falsely. It is unfortunate enough for Jewish employees who are hired at a business place where there is generally no opposition to employees of this faith and then they find out they are associated right in that department with employees who just do not like Jewish people and therefore try to make it miserable for them. Just think, Mrs. S., how doubly unhappy your husband would be if he applied for a position and did not tell them he was Jewish and then later they found out not only that he was Jewish but that he had told a story about it.

You know they would have very little respect for him no matter how efficient his work was and they would immediately ask him to quit. As much as they dislike Jewish employees at this place it would make them even hate Jewish people more just on account of this little incident. Narrow-minded people are that way and each little thing that they can count against a race as a whole, they eagerly would not overlook.

You might think to yourself, well I don't think they will find out. That is where you are mistaken, because the truth always comes out some way. Your husband, no doubt, if he is an earnest Jew, would want to attend services on the Jewish holidays. You know the curiosity will be aroused at this business place if he takes those days off. Oh, there are many other ways in which they could find out, so please save your husband much unhappiness by telling him to absolutely refuse to accept this position. Tell him it is better to work at a place for less money and be wanted there than to earn more and be miserable and have to carry your worries home with you at night. Tell your husband to tell this employment lady it is not right for her to ask people to tell a story just so they can be placed.

It may make her open her eyes and be a better employment manager if your husband calls this to her attention. I hope your husband gets work where he will be wanted, where they value and respect a person's worth not by his religious views but by the type of man he is to all mankind.  
PORTIA.

## BELIEVES ILLS OF U. S. JEWRY CAN BE SOLVED BY KEHILLOTH

To the Editor:

I am enclosing copy of a letter to my friend, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, commenting on his letter published in The Jewish Post of August 18. I have been interested in the Kehillah type organization and have been very fortunate in finding here an opportunity of translating some ideas into actual practice. If Dr. Plaut's four point plan should bring forth any letters describing experiences similar to mine, I would appreciate it if you could make available to me such letters which you will not print in The Post.

Whatever you will print will surely be read, for I take great pleasure in reading the Post, from cover to cover, as soon as the mailman brings it. Your wide-awake paper is one of the most vital links between this isolated Jewish community and the American Jewish community.

ALFRED WOLF  
Rabbi, Temple Emanu-El  
Dothan, Ala.

Dear Gunther:

Just saw your letter concerning the organization and re-organization of American Jewry in the Jewish Post. I am delighted with it. It is the clearest statement of its kind that I have yet seen. Of course you don't expect all well-established Jewish organizations in the U. S. to take the radical cure recommended in your first point; but your prescription certainly stimulates thought and should bring forth a good discussion on the forum of the Post's pages.

Your point two is really more than analysis. It is a practical suggestion toward a solution of the problem even if the national organizations do not dissolve themselves. If our communities would stop their chaotic over-organization and would build, instead, well integrated kehillah with just enough organizations to permit smooth functioning and with a central co-ordinating mechanism to avoid wasteful over-lapping, then our communities could wrest a good deal of power from the national organizations.

I believe that this can be done. My own experience in Dothan and the surrounding area is most encouraging. You know, our community is small even though its membership is drawn from over a dozen small towns in the neighborhood. Still, there have been plenty of organizations who tried to set up separate chapters here. Yet we have been able to prevent over-organization. One synagogue serves Jews of all shades of opinion—for a split in membership would be suicidal. Similarly, one men's organization (a B'nai B'rith Lodge), one women's organization (a Temple Sisterhood) and one Welfare Fund cover the identical territory. Even activities which may not fall under the scope of the national organizations with which they are affiliated are sponsored by the existing groups. Their presidents sit on the Executive Board of the Synagogue as ex-officio members. The Board thus constitutes a community council as well as a congregational administration. To be sure, it would be much more difficult to simplify the lines of organization in older and larger communities where one cannot start from

scratch as we did here, a few years ago. Still, I believe that a number of communities have taken steps in the right direction and I hope that your proposal will cause some leaders to present their own views and experiences to the reading public. If you get any information along this line which is not published in The Post, I would appreciate it if you would make it available to me.

## Al Segal Explains His Axe Grinding

To the Editor,

Mr. Percy Simmons of Long Beach, N. Y., calls me an axe-grinder in a letter to your paper . . . "Whenever he (Segal) gets out the axe, it seems as if he is using your columns for nefarious purposes, as some of his recent articles certainly have the smack of those missionary societies," he says.

Goodness me, I've been called many things but this is the first time I've been called an axe-grinder for Christian missionaries. I wish to assure Mr. Simmons that I grind only my own private axes. One of my axes is brotherhood. I hope that with my favorite axe I can chop down some of the jungle-growth of prejudice which is on the other side. I may be naive in this. I am a fellow who believes that we who have suffered so much from other people's prejudices should do something about our own.

No! No! I am not trying to convert the Jews to Christianity. I think the first need in the world today is to convert all so-called Christians to Christianity.

ALFRED SEGAL.  
Cincinnati, O.

## 3 South American Nations Open Doors

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—The Government of Paraguay, responding to an appeal of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, agreed to permit the free entry of Jewish refugees from Europe without limiting the number involved, it was announced here by Max Gottschalk, president of the Association.

The announcement said that President Medina Angarita of Venezuela has similarly authorized the Venezuelan Government to issue instructions to its legations in Europe to grant visas to Jewish refugees regardless of the age of the applicant.

The Government of Ecuador, too, has agreed in principle to grant visas for 500 Jewish refugee children and is preparing a special decree regarding the establishment of "free ports" in the country, the Hias-Ica announcement said.

The steps of these governments came as result of an appeal sent out by the Board of Directors of the Hias-Ica to all its affiliated committees in South America asking them to urgently approach their respective governments requesting all possible facilities for admission of persecuted Jews and especially the granting of a maximum number of visas for children and the creation of free ports for adults following the example of the United States, Canada and Mexico.



## AL SEGAL

Speaks On

## One Altar

YOUR Mr. Segal, who happens to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, is happy to observe how the war is enlarging the religious education of the boys who have graduated as rabbis from that institution.

(The Hebrew Union College rabbis are broad-minded gentlemen to start with but they have found the breadth of their minds being expanded in the rough-and-tumble in which men of all faiths are reduced to a common denominator as human beings. And what do their religious labels matter?)

On this point your Mr. Segal has just received a letter from Rabbi Robert L. Kahn who is an Army chaplain out on the Pacific. Before the war he had a pulpit in a temple at Houston, Tex.

When he wrote the letter Chaplain Kahn still was feeling bemused by an exalting experience he had just had. He had conducted Sunday services for Catholic and Protestant soldiers. He had come very close to the brotherhood that Sunday.

The soldiers were on a ship about to depart for parts unknown and wanted religious services. A lieutenant brought their request to Chaplain Kahn, and would he please come and bring along two other chaplains—a Protestant and a Catholic?

"Every chaplain I could locate was tied up with afternoon services, and the boat would leave at sundown. Therefore I gathered some material: A few missals (Catholic), an Army Hymnal, and took off.

"I climbed 'Jacob's ladder' with a prayer in my heart. All the men were gathered in the hold. It was hot, they were shirtless and sweaty, but waiting for a word of hope.

"I asked a Catholic layman to step forward and lead the Rosary. The 1st sergeant distributed the missals I had brought, knelt down with his fellow-Catholics while the rest of us were silent, and spoke the prayers of his faith.

"Protestant services followed. (Only a small number of the Catholics departed.) Meanwhile, a few boys on deck clustered around the hatch, wondering what manner of bird this chaplain with the Tablets of the Law was, came down to join in worship.

"My memories of church services attended in Houston and near-by small towns came in good stead. A volunteer lead the Rock of Ages. The congregation joined in the Lord's prayer which I learned as a Boy Scout. There was a pastoral prayer by myself; a reading from Scriptures, complete with First and Second lessons. From our Bible, a warrior's Psalm; from the Christian Testament, the beautiful non-theological passage on charity.

"Realizing the need of these men for their own idiom, I asked if any brother would pray. One did, closing with the traditional Christian formula.

"A Negro sang 'In the Garden.' I preached on faith, faith of all faiths, and what it can do for men in crisis.

"I then donned the Government-issued scarf

for Jewish chaplains and read several prayers, English and Hebrew and the beautiful 'May the time not be distant' for the two Jewish men there. The priestly benediction and a prayer for their victory and safe return closed the service.

"It was a beautiful experience. I am not the only Jewish chaplain to have done this. A colleague of mine has even led an Easter sunrise service on a transport plane. Any compliments, and there were many, that came to me that day were for the faith I represent.

"I shall never forget the statement of one lad: 'Chaplain, this afternoon has taught me for the first time the real meaning of what we're fighting for—freedom of worship.'

But Chaplain Kahn's experience of brotherhood is by no means a unilateral one. He speaks of "lend-lease" among the religions in the Army and it goes both ways.

"I cherish in my files a letter from a Jewish lad in the Air Corps," Chaplain Kahn says. "He wrote glowingly of a Catholic chaplain whom he described as 'the best rabbi of them all'. This chaplain was the only chaplain at a remote air base. With true breadth of religious feeling, he went beyond the letter of Army regulations concerning chaplains, and not only organized the services and secured a Jewish officer to lead them, but attended, read Hebrew better than most of the men, gave sermons occasionally which were rich in inspiration. I like to call this sort of service religious lend-lease. It has been given by Protestant and Catholic chaplains the Army over."

All this causes a brave, joyous tingling in this Mr. Segal's ears which like to listen for the sound of the footsteps of brotherhood marching. He lets himself go in a bright dream: Yes, he says, this is all to the great good of the time to come. These are the authentic footsteps of brotherhood marching, faint on the far-off battlefields, but they will be coming closer soon from all the directions of the world as our men come marching home.

Thunderous footsteps proclaiming the brotherhood: We who were one in the presence of death now shall know how to live together in the amity becoming to brothers. It shall be the affirmative answer to our prophet's question: "Have we not all one Father. Hath not one God created us?"

But Mr. Segal's old eyes have dreamt often before and as often have been disillusioned. As he emerges from this dream, cynicism takes hold of him and he asks. Will the brotherhood of the foxholes where men cling together in fear survive to the time when every man will feel he can afford to be a rugged individualist again?

Mr. Segal isn't sure of the answer. His wishful thinking prefers to stick to the happy dream of brotherhood.

Anyway, it is all right that the clergy—rabbis, the priests and the Protestant ministers—are getting this education on the high levels of religion. Their experience may graduate them as luminous prophets of religion who can rally men for the brotherhood.

## I THINK AS I PLEASE

By MRS. CARL ALPERT

The JTA recently released a brief news item which, if true, should literally make the blood boil. Dated Jerusalem, the paragraph reported that the Palestine Government has invited 15,000 laborers from Egypt to come to the Holy Land to build a series of public works. The Egyptian Government is planning to send a special committee to Jerusalem to examine the conditions under which the Egyptians will have to work, it is further stated.

The Palestine Government, of course, represents neither the Jews nor the Arabs. It is the highly impersonal, artificial entity which serves as the mouthpiece for the colonial bureaucrats of the country, whose greatest problem is to civilize the savage heathen who dwell there.

At the very moment, perhaps, when 250 Jewish refugees were churning the waters of the Black Sea and gurgling to untimely deaths following Nazi sinking of the Turkish vessel Mefkure, at the very moment, perhaps, when Zionist spokesmen were politely and diplomatically reasoning with British officials in London, seeking to induce opening of the doors of Palestine, the mis-named Palestine Government was engaging in negotiations for the importation of Egyptian labor into Palestine.

One is almost tempted to add the total of manpower lost in sinkings of the Mefkure's tragic predecessors, the Patria, the Atlantic, the Darien, the Salvador, the Struma, and the many others of bitter memory.

The Egyptians will "examine the conditions" under which they will have to work. The Jews would not be so fussy. Refugees from concentration camps and human incinerators will be willing to work under any conditions. The deserts and swamps and salt marshes of Palestine have not deterred others in the past.

But the Palestine Government will have none of them.

"Palestine is overcrowded."

"Palestine has a labor surplus."

"Arabs are being displaced."

"Palestine is being over-developed."

And 15,000 Egyptians are invited to come to the country to engage in public works, to be paid for from public tax monies, to which the Jews of the country contribute more than 75 per cent.

The Egyptians, from a country which STILL is neutral in this war, will reap the full benefits of Palestinian employment, while outside the country Jews, many of whom in better times spent THEIR dimes and THEIR dollars to build a Jewish Homeland, will perish beneath the waves, or under the heel of retreating, vengeful Nazi armies.

The British Colonial Office will issue its annual statement of regrets and push tighter shut the doors of Palestine. Well may the Pharaohs smile in their tombs at the ironic turn of history. And we, who are told not to criticize our allies in time of war, can only clench our fists till the nails bite deeply, and the blood boils!

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## Retreating Nazis Say They'll Murder Jews

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON—A sinister plan to liquidate the remaining Jewish population in Poland has been worked out by the Gestapo in anticipation of the forced withdrawal of the German armies from Poland, according to a report received here this week by the Polish Government-in-exile from the Warsaw underground movement.

## MARTIN MARK

Attorney for Plaintiff

## SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana, in cause No. A-99823 wherein Jasper Taylor, Plaintiff, and Michael E. Howard et ux., Defendants requiring me to make the sums of money, as provided for in said decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on

FRIDAY, THE 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1944, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M.

and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, at the door of the Court House of Marion County, Indiana, the rents and profits for a term not exceeding seven years, of the following real estate in Marion County, Indiana.

Lots 7 and 8 in McKee's Subdivision off of one hundred fifty (150) feet off of the north end of lots 12 and 13 in the Peru and Indianapolis Railroad Company's South Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 13, page 79, in the office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. If such rents and profits will not sell for a sufficient sum to satisfy said decree with interest and costs, I will, at the same time and place, expose to public sale the fee simple of said real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to discharge said decree. Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

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County, Indiana, in cause No. B-2223 wherein John R. Shields, Plaintiff, and Frank Bowles, et al., Defendants, requiring me to make the sum of Eighty-four Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$84.14), as provided for in said decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on

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Lot 7 in A. D. Krewson and others Subdivision of lots 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of John Young's 1st Addition to University Place Irvington, now a part of the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, page 135, in the office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. If such rents and profits will not sell for a sufficient sum to satisfy said decree with interest and costs, I will, at the same time and place, expose to public sale the fee simple of said real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to discharge said decree. Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

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### The Editor's Chair

The Information Bulletin of Aug. 15 of the American Council for Judaism lists the new members from March 21 to July 31 that joined their organization. I took time out to count the number, and the total is 920. Of this number Dallas, Tex., leads with 117, Fort Smith, Ark., is second with 96, and then follow Atlanta, Ga. 87; Chicago, Ill., 70 and Cincinnati, O., 69.

And while on the subject of The Council, I want to reprint an exchange of letters between Rabbi Elmer Berger, Executive Director of the Council and Chief Justice George W. Maxey of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. These letters appeared in The Jewish Herald-Voice of Houston, Tex., whose editor, D. H. White, really gets exercised over parts of Rabbi Berger's letter, and really it is not hard to see why he should do so. Fighting among Jewish groups gets very bitter at times, but there has always been a sort of unwritten understanding when the fight is brought to non-Jewish attention. No doubt the Council has been called "un-American" often by the Zionists, but I doubt whether the charge has been made except within the Jewish group.

Chief Justice George W. Maxey, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 462 City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Justice:

The press has recently reported your acceptance of the Chairmanship of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American-Palestine Committee, the latter being described as "a non-sectarian body formed to express American friendship for the re-establishment of a Jewish National home in Palestine."

Since only the highest humanitarian motives could have prompted you to add on to the manifold burdens of your high office also this one of Chairmanship, we cannot but congratulate you on principle. However, we feel it our duty to apprise you at the same time that the Palestine question is a very moot one among Jews themselves, and much more than the question of sheer philanthropy is involved in it.

The American Council for Judaism, for instance, is emphatically opposed to the latter-day agitation aiming at the conversion of Palestine into a Jewish Commonwealth. The Council does not oppose, of course, the right of Palestinian Jews to create for themselves homelike conditions there. But it strenuously opposes as undemocratic, and hence as un-American, the right of Jews to stamp that country with the religious or racial connotation of their own group, in that way create in the non-Jewish element there the sense of not wholly belonging in their own homeland.

We therefore feel that, especially in the new capacity which you so generously assumed, certain facts concerning Jewish claims on Palestine should be made available to your Honor. Either Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald or I, or

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## Editorial Page

### Responsibility of Daily Papers

**FIFTY-TWO** per cent of the French bankers, 8 per cent of the film industry employees and 90 per cent of the grain dealers were Jews, the leaflet says . . . The leather trade, for example, is listed as having had 90 per cent Jewish workers; 60 per cent Jewish manufacturers, 100 per cent Jewish salesmen and 8 per cent Jewish retailers."

These statements are taken from a release by Helen Kirkpatrick, of The Chicago Daily News, from "Somewhere in France." The article was plainly headed, "Nazi Propaganda in France Still Aimed at Russ, Jews."

There is no question but what Miss Kirkpatrick is telling about propaganda lies in France, and were it published in any other time but this, when anti-Semitism is rife in the United States, the figures as given, despite the fact that there is nothing said about their reliability, would be laughable more than anything else.

But conditions being what they are, and Hitler having proven the choice bit of psychology that a lie repeated often enough is soon believed, then papers printing such libel must be specific

to the extent of pointing out the real truth.

In all of France, according to the Jewish Year Book for 1939, there were only 240,000 Jews, so that the leather and grain industries, not to mention the film and banking fields, must have been minuscule, if Jews dominated them to the extent the Nazis said.

Certainly Miss Kirkpatrick does not say that the Jews occupied those per cents of the industries, but she does repeat Nazi figures, and it would have been simplicity itself for her, and made her story so much more emphatic, had she gotten the real figures and compared them with the Nazi lies. But she did not do this, and conditions being what they are, then the newspapers printing her articles were under the responsibility of doing so.

For years after 1933, and even today as shown above, American newspapers printed without any indication that the accusations were Nazi inventions, the charges made by the Nazis against the Jews. A good part of the widespread anti-Semitism today is therefore directly traceable to this nonsensical practice of American newspapers.

### Let the B'nai B'rith Do It Again

**MOST** PERSONS who have followed world developments will concede that much of the peace arrangements have by now been definitely determined, and since there are many places where Jewish problems impinge on the problems of the world in general, it follows that the disposition of many of these Jewish problems has already been definitely determined.

All of which means it is later than you think, as far as the future of the Jew is concerned.

While the Allies were still gathering their forces for the assault on Hitler's forces, there was much talk of how the problems of the Jew would be settled. The American Jewish Conference as one of the major points in its agenda had the selection of a commission to represent the Jews at the peace table. Both the American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee named excellent commissions to study the question and prepare reports. In fact, some very fine booklets, running into the tens of pages, were printed and distributed on various phases of the problem.

Yet to all intents, none of this material, has been presented to the people who make the de-

cisions, unless the two presentations to the U. S. by the Committee and the Conference last week fall within this interpretation.

One reason for this "missing of the boat" in probably as vital a situation as has developed for world Jewry in years, is the competition between the groups named above, although it would be unwise to suggest this as the sole reason.

But in any event the groups concerned must get together, if not under the aegis of The Conference, then certainly under some other sponsorship. This situation cannot continue. The stakes are not organization prestige this time, but the welfare of world Jewry.

Let the B'nai B'rith do it again. Call all three groups together and work out a modus operandi so that the peacemakers will get not perhaps, one set of plans, for several alternatives can be presented. With this will go the understanding that all U. S. Jewish groups concerned are co-operating, and that these are their several recommendations. Then probably this new alignment will be recognized officially by Washington, London and Moscow as representing the wishes of U. S. Jewry.

### Current Comment

**Why Republican Executive Committee of Allegheny County Advertises, "If You Don't Want Sidney Hillman to Run Your County, Register Now for November Elections," Asked by American Jewish Outlook, of Pittsburgh.**—In a recent issue of the notoriously anti-Semitic newspaper called the X-Ray which is edited by Court Asher, outstanding hater of Jews, the following statement appeared about Sidney Hillman: "The Roosevelt New Deal party may now be truly called 'The Jew Party'—for certainly, a foreign-born Russian Jew is now boss—assistant Commander in Chief."

In recent issues of the daily press in Pittsburgh, over the signature of the Republican Executive Committee of Allegheny County the following statement appears in advertisements: "If you don't want Sidney Hillman to run your country, register now for November Elections."

We can dismiss the rantings of Court Asher and his X-Ray. But in the case of the Republican Executive Committee of Allegheny County, we want to know why, contrary to the wishes of Thomas E. Dewey, and contrary to all the rules of decency, they persist in injecting into the forthcoming campaign the virus of anti-Semitism.

Spokesmen for the committee have assured us that nothing of an anti-Semitic nature is intended and that since Hillman has entered politics, he must be willing to take the consequences. We would be willing to accept this explanation were it not for the nation-wide emphasis being placed upon the fact that Sidney Hillman is Russian-born, that his real name is something else, and so on. In other words, granting the innocent intent of the committee, we must face the far from innocent results.

**American Jewish Committee Flayed by American Jewish World, of Minneapolis, for Presenting Own Proposals to Hull.**—It is not so much the content of the Committee's memorandum, however, as the very fact of its independent submission at this time that offers the greatest danger to the hopes of Jewry. How can we expect the Department of State to respect any Jewish representation with different groups claiming to speak on behalf of Jewry? Will the Committee send its delegates to the United Nations leaders to add more confusion to the very complex problem of Jewish postwar reconstruction?

It is evident that the efforts of the American Jewish Conference are being undermined by the willful handful of the American Jewish Committee. How long will American Jewry tolerate this state of anarchy? This is no longer a question of mere duplication of effort or financial waste. Our very future depends on coordinating our forces.

It is the urgent responsibility of every Jewish community which elected delegates to the American Jewish Conference to notify the Committee that it refrain from all independent political action and that failure to cooperate in this respect must be followed by the elimination of the Committee and its members from all positions of power and leadership in organized Jewish life.

The United Nations had to accept a united leadership in order to survive. Can bleeding Jewry afford the present state of anarchy in which the American Jewish Committee is now the chief offender?

both of us, would be happy to confer with you at your own appointed time and place. In the meantime we take the privilege of enclosing a few items of literature which we hope you will peruse during spare moments, particularly the items we marked.

We believe we are serving the good and welfare of our common American citizenship in thus contributing toward the clarification of a tangled subject. Believe me to be,

Very sincerely yours,

Elmer Berger.

American Council for Judaism.

Rabbi Elmer Berger, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Rabbi Berger:

I have your letter of July 31st in reference to my acceptance of the Chairmanship of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American-Palestine Committee.

You are correct in assuming that "only the highest humanitarian motives" could have prompted me to take on this additional burden.

I note your statement as follows:

"The American Council for Judaism, for instance, is emphatically opposed to the latter-day agitation aiming at the conversion of Palestine into a Jewish Commonwealth. The Council does not oppose, of course, the right of Palestinian Jews to create for themselves homelike conditions there. But it strenuously opposes as undemocratic and hence as un-American, the right of Jews to stamp that country with the religious or racial connotations of their own group, in that way create in the non-Jewish element there the sense of not wholly belonging in their own homeland."

I am not concerned with "the Jews stamping" Palestine "with the religious connotations of their own group." I am not interested in the Jewish-Arab problem, as I take it for granted that this problem will after the war be adjusted amicably.

What I am interested in now is keeping a place of refuge open for those Jews in Europe who have seen their brethren and their children murdered by Hitler and Himmler and their Nazi henchmen. I am convinced that Palestine is the best refuge for the down-trodden European Jews, and if I can assist in any way in keeping open Palestine and the roads to Palestine for the tens of thousands of Jews who are struggling to escape the cruel fate which Hitler has already imposed on over 3,000,000 Jews, I will feel amply rewarded for all my labors in this undertaking.

If either you or Mr. Rosenwald wish to confer with me at Scranton, you may do so. I doubt that any practical good would result therefrom. If you came here to see me on this matter, I would invite Mr. A. B. Cohen and other local Zionists to meet me at the same time. The only result would be a debate between the Anti-Zionists and the Zionists. No good would be accomplished by that debate.

I have already received several letters from Jews throughout the state thanking me for accepting the Chairmanship of the American-Palestine Committee for the State of Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

George W. Maxey.